

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
HELD ON MAY 6, 1959

The Members of the Boston Redevelopment Authority met in regular session at the offices of the Authority, Room 350, 73 Tremont Street, Boston, Massachusetts, at 10:00 a.m. on May 6, 1959. The meeting was called to order by the Vice Chairman, and upon roll call those present and absent were as follows:

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Msgr. Francis J. Lally	Joseph W. Lund
James G. Colbert	
Melvin J. Masueco	
Stephen E. McCloskey	

A copy of the NOTICE OF MEETING, pursuant to Section 23A of Chapter 39 of the General Laws, with the CERTIFICATE AS TO SERVICE OF NOTICE OF MEETING attached thereto, was read and ordered spread upon the minutes of this meeting and filed for record.

NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 23A of Chapter 39 of the General Laws that a meeting of the Boston Redevelopment Authority will be held at ten o'clock a.m. on May 6, 1959 at 73 Tremont Street in the City of Boston.

BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

By Kane Simonian

May 1, 1959 Title: Secretary

CERTIFICATE AS TO SERVICE OF NOTICE OF MEETING
(Sec* 23A, Chapter 39* General Laws)

I, Kane Simonian, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Secretary of the Boston Redevelopment Authority, do hereby certify that on May 1, 1959, I filed, in the manner provided by Sec. 23A, Chapter 39, General Laws, with the City Clerk of the City of Boston, Massachusetts, a NOTICE OF MEETING of which the foregoing is a true and correct copy.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of said Authority this 6th day of May, 1959.

Kane Simonian

The minutes of the meeting of April 29, 1959 were read by the Secretary. On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to approve the minutes as read.

The Executive Director read a letter from Bernard Baldwin, Insurance Broker, in connection with insurance for the Whitney Street Project. The Executive Director was instructed to acknowledge receipt of the letter and place it on file.

The Executive Director distributed copies of the Procurement Policy for the Authority, dated April, 1959, which was read and discussed. On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to adopt the Procurement Policy dated April, 1959.

(The foregoing is filed in the Document Book of the Authority as Document No. 57.)

The following maintenance men were reappointed for a ninety-day period: William Torpey, Edward Davock and William Courtney.

Demolition and Relocation Reports of the West End Project Area were distributed.

The Executive Director recommended the eviction of Ann Stevelman of 327 Charles Street. Reports from the Site Office indicated that this tenant was permanently hospitalized and the apartment was being occupied by an adult son of the tenant, who refused to pay rent and was very uncooperative. On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to evict this tenant and that the Executive Director be authorized to sign the eviction warrant.

Site Office reports concerning other tenants in the priority area were read and discussed by the Authority. The Executive Director was instructed to write personal letters to several of the tenants, pointing out that unless an on-site move was accepted, the Authority would be forced to evict them.

The Executive Director distributed copies of a report from Lloyd Sinclair on the Councillor Foley Order to extend the Whitney Project. After a discussion, the Executive Director was instructed to prepare for the next meeting a more complete report on this potential project extension, including marketability and real estate analyses by Robert McGovern and other members of the Redevelopment staff.

The Executive Director presented a map of the Government Center Project entitled Land Use Plan, May 4, 1959, which was reviewed and discussed by the Authority.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to approve the boundaries of the Government Center Project as shown on the Land Use Plan, May 4, 1959..

The Executive Director brought up the matter of a permit to John J. Duane Company for burning rubble on the site. After a discussion, and on motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: that Mr. Orpin, Chief of Development, prepare a more complete report on the amount of debris, time of burning, and other related information.

y*^ The Executive Director stated that the Regional URA office had notified the Authority that the Revised Application for the West End Project would not be processed and forwarded to Washington until the easements for Edison steam lines and other utilities were resolved. After a discussion, and on motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: not to grant any easements in the West End Project Area for the steam lines and that the Revised West End Redevelopment Plan should be prepared to this effect. ^^

Copies of a letter from Representative Oswald Jordan concerning the community organizer position were distributed. The Executive Director was instructed to acknowledge the letter.

The Executive Director distributed a memo to the Authority from Lloyd Sinclair concerning the request from the 1959 Arts Festival Committee for urban renewal exhibits. On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

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VOTED: that the Executive Director be authorized to make arrangements to provide whatever exhibits are necessary.

Mr. Colbert brought up the matter of a redeveloper for the Government Center Project, and moved that the Ferini Construction Company be contacted and invited to give consideration to being the redeveloper for the Government Center Project.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to authorize the Vice Chairman to write to the Perini Corporation inviting their consideration.

The Executive Director brought up the matter of the Mattapan Project. After a discussion, it was unanimously

VOTED: that three redevelopment groups who have indicated an interest in developing the project be notified that the Authority would eliminate from consideration any of the redevelopers who did not submit a statement in writing by May 20, 1959 indicating a definite interest in the project, supported by a definite proposal.

The Executive Director notified the Authority that a Temporary Loan Note in the amount of \$3,500,000 would be necessary in order to make pro tanto offers to the remaining property owners who have not settled their land damage cases in the West End Project.

The Executive Director presented to the meeting a Resolution entitled "Resolution Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Certain Project Temporary Loan Note in Connection with Project No. U. R. Mass. E-3". The Resolution was read and discussed, and on motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to adopt the foregoing Resolution as presented and read.

(The foregoing Resolution is filed in the Document Book of the Authority as Document No. 58.)

At this point, the Fire Commissioner, T. J. O'Connor, together with several Fire Chiefs, entered the meeting to discuss the possibility of leasing the land on

the corner of Cambridge and Staniford Streets for temporary use as a fire station to replace the Bowdoin Square Fire Station, to be demolished in connection with the State Office Building. The project land would be needed for a matter of a couple of years until such time as a permanent fire station is constructed as part of the Government Center Project.

After a discussion of the request, it was unanimously

VOTE 0: that the Authority would favor the proposal of the Fire Department, subject to the approval by the URA.

The Executive Director was instructed to contact the New York Regional Office concerning this matter.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.


Secretary